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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2005.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12 and 14-33 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 19-27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-10, 12, 14, 15 and 28-33 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 16-18 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 October 2003 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 05/10/2005.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Drawings

1. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the “plurality of bumps has a different size than another one of the plurality of bumps” (claim 2), “plurality of bumps has a different size” (claim 3), “plurality of bumps is randomly distributed over the output side of the Fresnel lens” (claims 4, 7 and 11), “at least one of plurality of bumps has a different shape than another one of the plurality of the plurality of bumps” (claim 5), and “each of the plurality of bumps has a different shape” (claim 6) must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as “amended.” If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either “Replacement Sheet” or “New

Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

2. In addition to Replacement Sheets containing the corrected drawing figure(s), applicant is required to submit a marked-up copy of each Replacement Sheet including annotations indicating the changes made to the previous version. The marked-up copy must be clearly labeled as "Annotated Sheets" and must be presented in the amendment or remarks section that explains the change(s) to the drawings. See 37 CFR 1.121(d)(1). Failure to timely submit the proposed drawing and marked-up copy will result in the abandonment of the application.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-10, 12, 14-15 and 28-33 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kurematsu in view of Goldenberg et al. and further in view of Ogawa.

Kurematsu (US Patent Number 6,808,271 B1) discloses (claims 1, 15, 28 and 33) a display device (30) comprising a lens system (2) to project an image, a substantially planar back plate mirror (20) to reflect the image to the Fresnel lens (12, 13, see Figure 4), the back plate mirror (20) substantially parallel to the Fresnel lens

(12, 13, see Figure 4); and a substantially planar intermediate mirror (21) to reflect the image projected by the lens system (2) to the back plate mirror (20); (claim 29) wherein the screen (1) is a Fresnel lens (12, 13).

Kurematsu teaches the salient features of the present invention, except (claim 1) a Fresnel lens having a plurality of bumps on an output side of the Fresnel lens, and an intermediate mirror substantially perpendicular to the optic axis; (claims 2 and 5) wherein at least one of the plurality of bumps has a different size than another one of the plurality of bumps; (claim 3) wherein each of the plurality of bumps has a different size; (claims 4 and 7) wherein the plurality of bumps is randomly distributed over the output side of the Fresnel lens; (claim 6) wherein each of the plurality of bumps has a different shape; (claim 8) wherein the plurality of bumps are of unitary construction with the Fresnel lens; (claim 9) wherein the Fresnel lens includes a diffuser to diffuse stray light that passes through the Fresnel lens; (claims 10 and 32) wherein the diffuser is of unitary construction with the Fresnel lens; (claim 12) wherein the plurality of bumps comprises a plurality of lenticular bumps; (claim 14) wherein the plurality of lenticular bumps are of unitary construction with the Fresnel lens; (claim 15) the Fresnel lens having an output ray angle of substantially zero near a center of the Fresnel lens and an output ray angle whose magnitude increases as a radial distance (R) from the center increases; (claim 28) a screen having a diffusion layer; (claim 30) wherein the diffusion layer is affixed to an output side of the Fresnel lens; (claim 31) wherein the diffusion layer is laminated to the output side of the Fresnel lens; (claim 33) where the Fresnel

lens has a plurality of bumps adapted to scatter stray light. However, Kurematsu discloses a screen (1) comprising a Fresnel lens (12, 13).

Goldenberg et al. (US Patent Number 4,773,731) discloses a Fresnel lens (302, 310) having a plurality of bumps (320, 322) on an output side (i.e. right side) of the Fresnel lens (310); wherein at least one of the plurality of bumps (320) has a different size than another one of the plurality of bumps (322); wherein each of the plurality of bumps (320, 322) has a different size (see Figure 3); wherein the plurality of bumps (320, 322) is randomly distributed over the output side (i.e. right side) of the Fresnel lens (310); wherein each of the plurality of bumps (320, 322) has a different shape (see Figure 3); wherein the plurality of bumps (320, 322) are of unitary construction (300) with the Fresnel lens (310); wherein the Fresnel lens (310) includes a diffuser (316) to diffuse stray light (column 4, lines 60-63) that passes through the Fresnel lens (310); wherein the diffuser (316) is of unitary construction (see Figure 3) with the Fresnel lens (310); wherein the plurality of bumps comprises a plurality of lenticular bumps (column 2, lines 12-16); wherein the plurality of lenticular bumps (320, 322) are affixed to the output side (i.e. right side) of the Fresnel lens (310); wherein the plurality of lenticular bumps (320, 322) are of unitary construction (300) with the Fresnel lens (310); the Fresnel lens having an output ray angle of substantially zero near a center of the Fresnel lens and an output ray angle whose magnitude increases as a radial distance (R) from the center increases (see equation 6); a screen (300) having a diffusion layer (316); wherein the diffusion layer (316) is affixed to an output side (i.e. right side) of the Fresnel lens (310); wherein the diffusion layer (316) is laminated to the output side (i.e.

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right side) of the Fresnel lens (310); where the Fresnel lens has a plurality of bumps adapted to scatter stray light (column 2, lines 12-20).

Ogawa (US Patent Number 6,513,935 B2) discloses an intermediate mirror (Figure 2, element 3a) substantially perpendicular to the optic axis (see Figure 2).

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention was made to utilize the screen comprising a Fresnel lens having a diffusing layer and a plurality of bumps as disclosed by Goldenberg et al. in substitution of the screen from Kurematsu's invention, and an intermediate mirror substantially perpendicular to the optic axis like the one shown by Ogawa, in substitution of the intermediate mirror from Kurematsu's invention, for the purpose of having a projection screen without corner illumination deficiencies (Goldenberg et al., column 1, lines 31-33) and correction of the distortion aberration (Ogawa, column 3, lines 5-6).

Allowable Subject Matter

5. Claims 19-27 are allowed.
6. Claims 16-18 objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to Kurematsu (US Patent Number 6,808,271 B1) regarding claims 1-10, 12, 14-15 and 28-33 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.
8. The applicant has argued that Goldenberg et al. (US Patent Number 4,773,731) does not teach, "a plurality of bumps affixed to or formed on an output side of the Fresnel lens". However, Goldenberg et al. teaches a plurality of bumps (Figure 3, elements 320, 322) affixed to or formed on an output side of the Fresnel lens (i.e. since the light enters from the left side of the Fresnel lens 310, therefore, the light exits on the right side of said Fresnel lens 310, which is the side having a plurality of bumps, elements 320 and 322).
9. Applicant's arguments regarding the Objection to the Drawings have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. The applicant is respectfully requested to provide additional drawing showing different sized bumps and/or random distribution of bumps.

Conclusion

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Magda Cruz whose telephone number is (571) 272-2114. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 8:00-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Judy Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-2258. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Gray', with a large, stylized flourish extending from the end of the signature.

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